ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF [261]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 15.104 and 15.106, the Iowa Department of Economic Development gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt amendments to Chapter 38, "Regional Sports Authority Districts," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments will make it possible for applications to be accepted and reviewed on an annual basis, rather than for one year only. The amendments will also clarify that the certification of a district is good for only one fiscal year and that IDED will certify no more than ten districts each year.

Public comments concerning the proposed amendments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2008. Interested persons may submit written or oral comments by contacting Nancy Landess, Iowa Tourism Office Manager, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; telephone (515)242-4702.

A public hearing to receive comments about the proposed amendments will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on August 7, 2008, in the Iowa Room, Second Floor, at the above address.

These amendments are intended to implement 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2432, section 1(5)"c." The following amendments are proposed.

- ITEM 1. Amend **261—Chapter 38**, parenthetical implementation, as follows: (82GA, HF911 SF2432)
- ITEM 2. Amend rule **261—38.2(82GA,SF2432)**, "Act" as follows:
- "Act" means the regional sports authority districts Act established by 2007 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 911, section 32. Senate File 2432, section 1(5)"c."
 - ITEM 3. Amend rule 261—38.7(82GA,SF2432) as follows:

261—38.7(82GA,SF2432) Funding of grants.

- 38.7(1) The Act authorizes the department to certify up to ten districts and requires that the department disburse an equal amount of funding to each certified district. The department will certify up to ten districts annually.
- **38.7(2)** For fiscal year 2008, the Act appropriates \$500,000 to the department for certified districts. Each certified district will receive \$50,000. The department will award an equal amount of funding to each of the certified districts, from the funding available.
- **38.7(3)** If by April 1, 2008 of each year, the department has certified fewer than ten districts, the department will accept applications from those certified districts for additional promotional activities for youth sports, high school athletic activities, the special olympics, and other nonprofessional sporting events in the local area. Any unobligated funds will then be divided equally among the certified districts whose applications have been approved by the department.
 - ITEM 4. Amend **261—Chapter 38**, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 911, section 32. <u>2008 Iowa Acts,</u> Senate File 2432, section 1(5) "c."